

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 2021

*The South Shore Regional Library Board administers South Shore Public Libraries.
South Shore Public Libraries celebrate reading, discovering, learning and sharing.*

Present: Mr. Patrick Hirtle Chair
Councillor Jenni Birtles
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Stacey Colwell
Councillor Tina Connors
Councillor Michelle Greek
Ms. Diane Racette
Mr. Tom Sheppard
Ms. Kara Turner
Mr. Jeff Mercer, Acting Chief Librarian
Ms. Christina Pottie, Staff
Ms. Lynn Robart, Recorder
Ms. Melissa Bishop, Staff Association

Regrets from: Ms. Cynthia Bruhm, Ms. Marie Hogan Loker, Ms. Cathy LeBlanc, Ms. Wilma Stewart-White and Mr. Mark Taylor.

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the minutes of August 16, 2021 as circulated."
BROWN/Racette All in favour. Motion carried

LBANS REPORT

Christina reported that Library Boards Association of NS met on September 11. Christina, the LBANS Executive Secretary, reported that all NS Library Regional Library Boards, except Halifax Public, have agreed to continue supporting LBANS. LBANS purpose is to provide ongoing support and advocacy for public libraries. Currently SSPL does not have a representative on this board, if you would like to attend the next meeting on October 30 please let Christina know.

EQUITY, DIVERSTY AND INCLUSION (EDI) STAFF TRAINING PLAN

Christina reported on the progress being made on the EDI action plan. The introductory staff training item is on track to be completed by October 31st. Other items have been completed and the draft EDI Statement for SSPL, with input from local BIPOC communities, will be ready to share with the board by the end of February.

STAFF ASSOCIATION

Chair Hirtle informed the meeting that the Staff Association asked to have their correspondence deferred to a later date.
Melissa Bishop attended the meeting on behalf of the Staff Association.

2nd QUARTER SPENDING REPORT

The 2nd Quarter Spending Report was circulated with Notice of Meeting. Patrick commented that the budget is on target to have a surplus at the end of the year to help pay off the Bookmobile.

Motion: "THAT the 2nd Quarter Spending Report 2021-22 was approved by the Board as presented"
BROWN/Racette All in favour. Motion carried.

LUNENBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Kara Turner, representing the Lunenburg County Health Board, requested permission to place post cards in each of our Library Branches to distribute to the public. The postcards provide awareness and action to address the four priority areas for the Western Health Zone; food security, housing, community connection and recreation and wellness. The board gave permission.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AWARD

The American Library Association Award Plaque has arrived and will be hung in the Margaret Hennigar Public Library. The award was presented in acknowledgement of our Caring Calls Project.

LUNENBURG LIT FESTIVAL

The 6th Lunenburg Lit Festival was held September 23-25. This is the second Lit Festival we hosted during the pandemic and was very successful. Our numbers were good and authors and listeners were both ecstatic to be at a live event. The dates for next year are September 22-24 and we will incorporate the theme of the 50th Anniversary of SSPL.

MOBILE LIBRARY (OLDER)

Councillor Connors questioned the status of the older mobile. Staff is working, in cooperation with several community partners, on possibilities and hopes to have a plan to share soon.

2021 LAMNS Conference

The LAMNS Virtual Conference (Libraries, Archives and Museums) is this week and registration is now open. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Jeff.

NEXT MEETING

The December Board meeting time and date will be announced at a later date. A poll will be sent to all board members to try and find a time and day that will work for the majority of members.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Sheppard moved the meeting adjourned.